

Heart and Home Talks

by Barbara Boyd

JUST BEING COMMONPLACE.

That genial philosopher, Oliver Wendell Holmes, says, "One can't be all the time trying to do the best of one's best. If a company works a steam fire-engine, the firemen needn't be straining themselves all day to squirt over the top of the flagstaff. Let them wash some of the lower-story windows a little."

The lower-story windows do need washing. It is a commonplace bit of work that must be done. But most of us would rather cut a dash, and make a spectacle for all to admire by squirting water over the flagstaff. The woman who goes quietly about washing the windows with her little hose is unnoticed. Yet bright clear windows to the home have more to do with real comfort and enjoyment than a stream of water cascading over a flagstaff.

It takes a lot of moral courage to contentedly wash windows instead of decorating the flagstaff to a chorus of admiring "Ohs" and "Ahs" from friends and neighbors. It is appreciation that a woman craves, and home-warden duties receive little need of appreciation. They are taken for granted. It is the admiring plaudits of the world that make the flagstaff performance alluring, or, perhaps, more tangible returns in money.

The home that has a woman content, or courageous enough, to just be commonplace has a treasure. She ought to be appreciated more. Love ought to be showered upon her unstintingly, together with the many little attentions that so delight a woman's heart. She ought to be made to feel that her work is just as worth while, just as essential to the comfort, and happiness, and well-being of those about her, as directing a stream of water over a flagstaff would be.

These little commonplace duties need to be lifted to a higher plane in the world's estimation. Seeing that stockings are darned, that buttons

are on, that meals are hot and appetizing, that things are in their place, that hurt fingers are bound up tenderly, and "tummy aches" administered to—all these things carefully performed, mean much to the happiness of the members of the home. Yet, when some person does these things carefully, lovingly, day by day, how seldom are any outward thanks shown, or the word of loving appreciation spoken. But Mrs. Blank's book is animatedly discussed, or Miss Smith's speech, or the wonderful ability of that Brown girl who earns such a big salary is lauded. We are all of the crowd who say "Oh" and "Ah" as the water mounts over the flagstaff, our backs being turned all the while upon the quiet little woman who is making the windows of our home clean and bright.

Just being commonplace has its use in the world. The woman who is commonplace does not need to mourn the fact too bitterly. She has her value. But what most of us need to do is to show our appreciation a little more of this doing of the commonplace work of the world. We should put the mark of its value upon it. It is good coin, but because the world has given it no stamp of value, it is looked upon, not exactly as worthless, but as not to be treasured; whereas, it is of value, and should be so rated. And it will be so rated, when each of us gives the due meed of appreciation to those about us who are sticking courageously to commonplace duties.

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Mr. Lewis, Jr. has joined the ranks of the Packard owners, having purchased from The Von Hamm-Young Company this week a very fine Packard 30 phaeton.

CLAIM THEY WERE BEING SHANGHAIED

A lot of trouble resulted from the shipment of the last batch of Filipino laborers from Manila, the meager facts concerning which have already reached here. At Hongkong the batch of laborers were overhauled and twelve of them said they were being taken to Honolulu against their will. They were released on the spot and left to make their way back to Manila as best they could. The Manila Cablenews, of August 15, gave the following account of the origin of the trouble:

According to a statement by Mr. Taylor of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association, a small insurrection was created aboard the Taming before she sailed Tuesday for Hongkong. In explaining his position regarding the Filipino laborers secured for the plantations in Hawaii, and the attacks upon his policy, Mr. Taylor said yesterday: "At our request it is the custom at the departure of emigrants from Manila for Hawaii for one or two secret service men to be present at the steamer for two purposes, first to see that no criminals avail themselves of the opportunity to leave the country, and secondly, to witness the treatment of the emigrants. In any doubtful case the secret service officers are requested to take note of what transpires and, if they desire, make inquiries to satisfy themselves. On August 16 the secret service agent inquired of Macario Mascarinas whether or not he desired to go to Hawaii and he replied he did. It seems Mr. E. J. Kapples was the dissatisfied party and after our departure boarded the Taming and held, as far as circumstantial evidence goes, a little insurrection meeting of his own on board. As soon as the case of Mascarinas was brought up officially I wired to the steamship managers in Hongkong as follows: 'Ask Mascarinas, No. 3101 absolutely uninfluenced if he desires go Hawaii. If not return.'"

"The Taming arrived in Hongkong Tuesday forenoon and the agent very promptly cabled: 'Twelve of the Taming lot refuse to go to Honolulu.'"

"This is evidently the result of the insurrection meeting on the Taming at Manila," said Mr. Taylor. "Directions were cabled to Hongkong as follows: 'They either go to Honolulu or turn them loose in Hongkong.'"

"Whatever we deem proper in ex-

ceptional cases we are not running free round trip excursions between Manila and Hongkong, with cigarettes, mats, pillows, etc., thrown in. Until interfered with the Filipino knows his own mind, he prefers 30 to 35 pesos and more per month, with everything free except food and clothing. Also kind treatment and free return to Manila and his home if his health fails or he is unable to work. Ask a sick, penniless white man in the Philippines if he can rely upon such care and return to his home. We fail to see wherein Mr. Beaumont was a factor in this matter."

THE CITY CHURCHES

Central Union Church.

Beginning tomorrow morning the Bible school will resume all its classes again. New scholars will be most cordially welcomed. This is a good time to start in. Mr. Ed. Towse, superintendent; Mr. A. E. Larimer, secretary. Rev. Frank Scudder will preach at the morning service at 11 o'clock; the assistant minister, Mr. Ebersole, at the evening service. The male quartet will sing at both services.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the Christian Endeavor Society will conduct a service at Leahi Home. The Christian Endeavor meeting in the Parish House at 6:30 will be led by Miss Signa Wikander. The subject is "Resisting the Evil—How?"

Next Wednesday evening Mr. Ebersole will continue his study of "The Ideal Life," as portrayed in the Sermon on the Mount taking up in particular "The Relation of that Ideal to the Earlier Hebrew Ideal."

A most cordial invitation is hereby extended to all who are not connected with some other church in the city to attend these services at Central Union church. Strangers and visitors in the city most welcome.

Methodist Church.

The First Methodist Episcopal church, corner Bertania avenue and Miller street. J. T. Jones, pastor.

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. R. H. Trent, superintendent.

Morning worship, 11 a. m. Sermon by the Rev. Frank B. Bachelor, a Baptist minister of Cold Water, Michigan, subject: "Christ the Source of Life." Mr. Bachelor is on a tour of the world and is making a brief visit here. Special music by the quartette.

Epworth League 7 o'clock. Topic, "Two Ways of Reading the Bible and

their results." C. H. Tracy, leader. Evening worship, 7:45 p. m. Sermon by the pastor; subject, "God's Precious Jewels."

Tourists, soldiers, sailors, visitors and friends are most cordially invited to attend the services of this church.

Christian Church.

A. C. McKeever, minister. 9:45 a. m. Bible school. Mr. G. Hall, superintendent. Lesson, "Relations of Heaven and Earthly Kingdoms."

11 a. m. Sermon and communion. 6:30 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. Miss Yarrow, leader. Subject, "Resist the Devil—How?"

7:30 p. m. sermon. Subject, "Moses

and Science; Wherein They Differ?" All are welcome.

Latterday Saints.

Reorganized Church on King street near Kaplan.

9:45 a. m. Sunday school. Lesson topic, "Philip and the Eunuch."

11 a. m. Morning worship. Elder M. A. McConley, speaker. Subject, "Pride."

6 p. m. Zion's Religio Literary Society. Lesson, quarterly review. Also musical and literary program.

7:45 p. m. Evening worship. "Some of the old Jerusalem Gospel" by Elder G. J. Waller.

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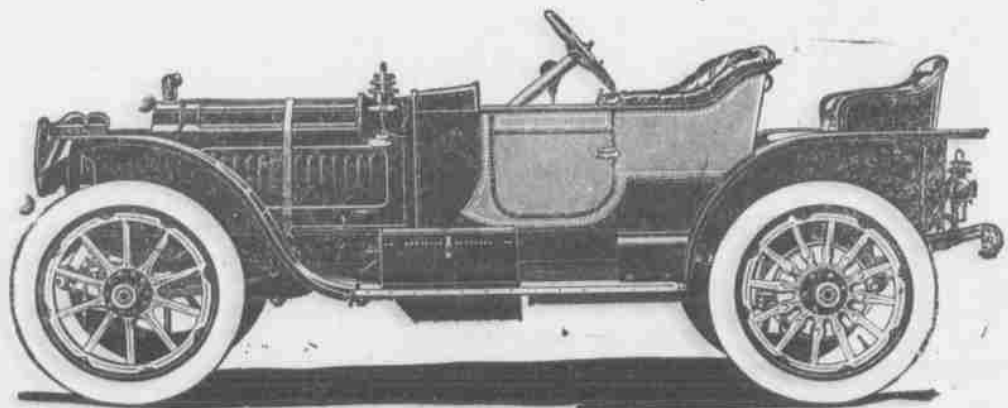
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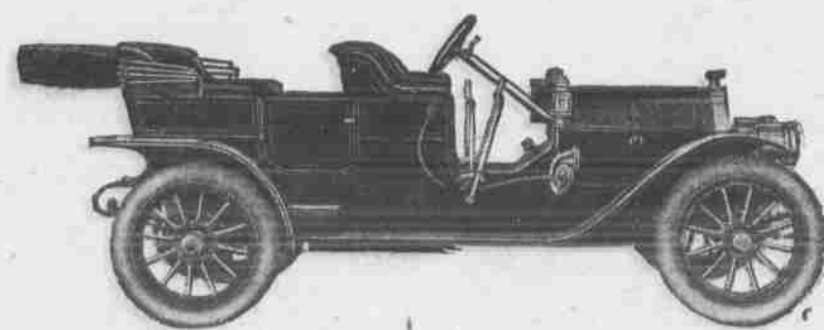
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